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SUBJ: CLOSURE OF NASA STATION

REF: STATE 56993, 75 STATE 201099

1. BY OVERSIGHT, FORMAL NOTE OUTLINED 75 STATE 201099 WAS NOT DELIVERED TO SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) IN AUGUST 1975. FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, HOWEVER, DFA AND CSIR WERE AWARE OF FORMAL TERMINATION BY VIRTUE OF NASA'S TELEGRAM OF APRIL 24, 1975 TO DR. FRANK J. HEWITT OF CSIR, WHICH WAS CONFIRMED BY VISIT OF DR. JOHN F. CLARKE, DIRECTOR OF GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER, IN LATE OCTOBER 1975 TO PARTICIPATE IN CEREMONIES MARKING THE CLOSING OUT OF NASA'S ROLE IN THE STATION. ALSO IT WAS CLEAR FROM CONTINUING CONTACTS WITH SAG THAT DESPITE TERMINATION OF NASA STATION OPERATIONS ON NOV 1, 1975, THE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1960 WOULD CONTINUE TO APPLY UNTIL PROCEDURES FOR CLOSING THE STATION AND DISPOSING OF ITS PROPERTY WERE COMPLETED.

2. SINCE EARLIER FORMAL NOTE WAS NOT DELIVERED, EMBASSY SUGGESTS REWORDING OF NOTE PROPOSED STATE 56993 ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
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QTE. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE TRACKING STATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1960 AND TO THE TELEGRAM OF APRIL 24, 1975 FROM NASA TO DR. FRANK J. HEWITT OF CSIR, A COPY OF WHICH WAS GIVEN TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, CONCERNING THE CLOSURE OF THE STATION.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARRANGEMENTS CARRIED OUT BETWEEN NASA AND CSIR, ALL CLOSE-OUT PROCEDURES WILL BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 31, 1976. AT THAT TIME, ALL REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH CAN BE ECONOMICALLY REMOVED OR WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REQUIRES FOR USE ELSEWHERE WILL HAVE BEEN REMOVED. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REMAINING EQUIPMENT AND THE SITE.

THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF NASA FOR THE OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE OF THE STATION AND THE HIGH LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM AND COMPETENCE EXHIBITED BY THE CSIR STAFF.

IN CONCLUDING THE EMBASSY TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ITS OWN APPRECIATION FOR THE COOPERATION EXTENDED TO IT BY CSIR AND TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FIREIGN AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCE OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQTE.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE OR ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.
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